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GIBRALTAR.

Quarantine regulations concerning vessels from Portuguese ports.

BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE.

GIBRALTAR, *December 20, 1899.*

With reference to the second resolution of the board of health, published on August 26 last, the board has decided to admit to free pratique arrivals from Lisbon and all Portuguese ports southward thereof, provided that they bring clean bills of health and have health on board.

By order,

JOHN C. KING,
Secretary to the Board of Health.

HAWAIIAN ISLANDS.

*No more plague cases at Honolulu, to December 22.*HONOLULU, H. I., *December 22, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that no new cases of what was considered plague have occurred since the 12th instant. The quarantine against the infected district and on outgoing interisland vessels was raised on the 19th instant by the Hawaiian authorities. The infected district has been cleaned up, and steps are now in progress to place Chinatown in a better sanitary condition than it has been before. The Hawaiian board of health has acted promptly and efficiently in the emergency.

Respectfully,

D. A. CARMICHAEL,
Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

*Plague at Honolulu.—(Continued.)*HONOLULU, H. I., *December 26, 1899.*

SIR: In confirmation of my telegram of this date I have the honor to report that another suspicious case, supposed to be bubonic plague, died on the 23d instant.

The clinical symptoms and post-mortem appearances were the same as those already described in my previous report, and the microscopical examination shows the same bacillus found in the other cases. Cultures and inoculation experiments are now in progress at the Hawaiian laboratory.

The victim was a young white girl, named Ethel Johnson, aged 14 years. She was taken ill on the 17th instant, and, although seen by a number of physicians, the case was not considered one of plague.

She lived with her parents at a place called Iwelei, a short distance to the westward of the city proper and close to the slaughterhouses and one of the dumping grounds of the town. There was a small puncture between the toes on the right foot which may have been caused by an injury while going about barefooted or by the puncture or bite of some insect. Much of the refuse from Chinatown during the late cleaning of that district was dumped near where the girl lived. The cultures from this case are not ready at the time of writing, but a number of rats inoculated from it all died within sixteen hours.

Two more cases were found yesterday, December 25, both Chinamen, and as they were found dead, no history of the illness could be obtained. I attended the necropsies held on these bodies and they presented the